

TABLE 1.1: CRASHES REPORTED BY POLICE AND OPERATORS, BY TYPE, 1997-2006

| POLICE REPORTED CRASHES | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CRASH TYPE | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Fatal | 88 | 90 | 84 | 75 | 83 | 72 | 63 | 84 | 68 | 77 |
| Injury | 2,250 | 1,895 | 1,889 | 1,892 | 1,655 | 2,689 | 3,086 | 3,109 | 2,956 | 3,048 |
| Property | 2,027 | 1,761 | 1,623 | 1,494 | 1,520 | 7,302 | 10,567 | 10,600 | 11,228 | 11,424 |
| TOTAL | 4,365 | 3,746 | 3,596 | 3,461 | 3,258 | 10,063 | 13,716 | 13,793 | 14,252 | 14,549 |
| OPERATOR REPORTED CRASHES | 7,831 | 7,488 | 7,982 | 8,772 | 8,128 | 7,440 | 3,569 | 4,333 | 4,530 | 3,480 |
| TOTAL REPORTED CRASHES | 12,196 | 11,234 | 11,578 | 12,233 | 11,386 | 17,503 | 17,285 | 18,126 | 18,782 | 18,029 |
| Percent Police Reported | 35.8 | 33.3 | 31.1 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 57.5 | 79.4 | 76.1 | 75.9 | 80.7 |

The number of police reported crashes increased in 2006 to 14,549, an increase of 2% from the 2005 number of 14,252. Fatal crashes increased to 77 from 68 in 2004, an overall increase of 13.2%. Injury crashes remained nearly the same in 2006 (3,048) as in 2005 (2,956) with only a slight increase of 3.1%. The number of property damage crashes reached 11,424 crashes, a number only 1.7% higher than the 2005 number of 11,228. Crashes reported by operators decreased by 23.1% in 2006 to 3,480 from 4,530 in 2005. The proportion of motor vehicle crashes resulting in a police crash report increased to 80.7% in 2006 from 75.9% in 2005. It should be noted that the threshold for reporting a motor vehicle crash to the Department of Motor Vehicles was increased from \$500 to \$1,000 in damage on July 1, 1995.

Crashes Reported by Police and Operator

1997-2006

